Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated.

1.   (Canceled)

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17.   (Canceled)

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Previously presented) A method for switching library managers, the method comprising:

rejecting data transaction commands, except for new data transaction commands of a specified data transaction command type, at a first library manager during a transition of library management functions from the first library manager to a second library manager

maintaining a storage device responsive to data transaction commands of the specified data transaction command types;

suspending the library management functions of the first library manager; and

activating the library management functions of the second library manager.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising notifying a host computer that the library manager transition is in process.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising informing a host computer that the library manager transition is complete.

22.   (Canceled)

23.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising terminating execution of a previously accepted data transaction command.

24.   (Previously presented) A computer readable storage medium comprising computer readable program code for switching library managers, the program code configured to:

reject a data transaction commands, except for new data transaction commands of a specified data transaction command type, for access to a storage device during a transition of library management functions from the first library manager to a second library manager;

maintain the storage device responsive to data transaction commands of the specified data transaction command type;

suspend the library management functions of the first library manager; and

activate the library management functions of a second library manager.

25.   (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 24, wherein the program code is further configured to notify a host computer that a library manager transition is in process.

26.   (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 24, wherein the program code is further configured to inform the host computer that the library manager transition is complete.

27.   (Canceled)

28.   (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 24, wherein the program code is further configured to store an accepted data transaction command.

29.   (Canceled)

30.   (Previously presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 24, wherein the program code is further configured to terminate the execution of the accepted data transaction command.

31.   (Canceled)

32.   (Canceled)

33.   (Canceled)

34.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising executing a previously accepted data transaction command.

35.   (Previously presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, wherein the program code is further configured to execute the accepted data transaction commands.

36.   (Previously presented) The computer readable storage medium of claim 28, wherein the program code is further configured to transfer a previously accepted data transaction command from the first library manager to the second library manager during the library manager transition from the first library manager to the second library manager.